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DISABLED FRIENDLY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware that most of educational institutions (particularly Schools and Colleges) and Hospitals in the Country are not at all disabled-friendly;

(b) If so, whether the Government has any special programme to see that all Hospitals and educational institutions would become disabled-friendly; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Action has been taken by various agencies for providing these facilities in public buildings including schools, colleges and hospitals. Many of these facilities have been provided in a number of educational institutions and hospitals. Specific programmes undertaken for the purpose are given below:

(i)Model Building bye-laws, containing provisions for barrier-free built environment alongwith guidelines and space standards for public buildings and facilities have been prepared and circulated to all the State Governments and Union Territories, for adoption.

(ii)A comprehensive Action Plan for the Inclusive Education of Children and Youth with Disabilities has been formulated for making all the schools and colleges in the country disabled friendly.

(iii)Financial assistance is provided under the Integrated Education of the Disabled Children (IEDC) Scheme for removal/ modification of architectural barriers for education of children with disabilities in schools.

(iv)Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) all new school buildings being constructed are provided with ramps, handrails and other such modifications.

(v)Workshops have been organized in partnership with States/NGOs for awareness generation of barrier free features in public buildings.